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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application please find the following:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement and Species Election Requirement mailed on September 20, 2006 with Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time;
2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form to cover \$225.00 2-Month Extension of Time; and
3. Return Postcard.

In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1798. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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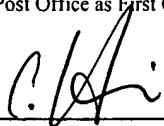
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION
REQUIREMENT WITH PETITION FOR 2-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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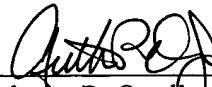
The Applicant hereby petitions for a 2-month extension of the time period in which to respond under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Enclosed is the PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form to cover to cover the \$225.00 two-month extension fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action dated September 20, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application, the Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-16, without traverse.

In response to the Species Election Requirement of the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect for prosecution Species B, represented by Figures 3, 3A, 3B, 4, 4A and 4B, without traverse. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 6-9, and 12-16. The applicants request substantive prosecution on claims 1-4, 6-9, and 12-16.

In connection with the forgoing matter, please charge Credit Card, Last 4 Numbers: 1001, Expiration Date: 01/09, in the sum of \$225.00

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